GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR ILS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India has spent about Rs.55 crore for installing the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Delhi Airport;

(b) if so, whether this money is well spent considering that only a few airlines use the newly installed Instrument Landing System;

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) have spent Rs.43 crore on installation of CAT-III-A Instrument Landing System including Ground Lighting System and Rs.12 crore on installation of ASMGCS for upgradation of operation of CAT-III-B level.

(b), (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. These systems are gainfully utilised to handle aircraft movements during low visibility periods. Airlines are being regularly advised to induct more CAT compliant aircraft and train more pilots for CAT III A/B operations so that disruptions on account of low visibility/fog could be minimised.